



# *The Old Ironsides Report*



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Special Veterans Day Edition

## Veterans Day

**By Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey**

*Commanding General, 1st Armored Division*

SOLDIERS OF TASK FORCE 1st ARMORED DIVISION, I SALUTE YOU ON THIS VETERANS DAY.

TODAY WE HONOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY WHILE WE PAUSE TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AND SACRIFICED BEFORE US.

WE WEAR A MANTEL OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS MANTEL HAS BEEN PASSED TO US FROM A PREVIOUS GENERATION OF HEROES. YOU YOUNG HEROES OF THIS GENERATION WEAR IT WELL. CONSIDER WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED:

- YOU HAVE TOPPLED A REGIME HOSTILE TO THE UNITED STATES
- YOU HAVE DEFEATED ITS ARMY AND DESTROYED ITS TOOLS OF WAR
- YOU HAVE REMAINED ON OFFENSE AGAINST GLOBAL TERROR
- YOU HAVE GIVEN THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ HOPE FOR THEIR FUTURE

FACTS ARE STUBBORN THINGS, AND YOU HAVE INTRODUCED THE FACT OF FREEDOM TO AN OPPRESSED PEOPLE. THEY ARE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND. IT MAY BE SLOW GOING AT TIMES, BUT IT WILL BE RELENTLESS.

SOME WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE US FOR OUR IDEAS, FOR WHO WE ARE, AND FOR WHAT WE REPRESENT.

OUR ENEMIES STAND FOR PERSONAL GAIN, HATRED, EXCLUSION, AND POWER. WE WILL DEFEAT THEM.

WE STAND FOR FREEDOM, CHOICE, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION. WE WILL PREVAIL.



**Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey**

BY YOUR SERVICE, YOU HAVE MADE OUR NATION SAFER.

BY YOUR EXAMPLE, YOU HAVE SHOWN THE IRAQI PEOPLE WHAT FREE MEN AND WOMEN FROM DIVERSE ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS BACKGROUNDS CAN ACCOMPLISH WHEN UNITED FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

YEARS AGO, WE WERE GIVEN OUR NICKNAME, "IRON SOLDIERS." TODAY WE KNOW WE HAVE EARNED IT. TOMORROW WE KNOW WE WILL EARN IT AGAIN.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

# 1st Armored Division honors:

1LT Jonathan Rozier

2LT Benjamin Colgan

SSG Brian Hellerman

SSG Jamie Huggins

SSG Christopher Swisher

SSG Bobby Franklin

SSG Kevin Kimmerly

SSG Joseph Robsky

SGT Nicholas Tomko

SGT Francisco Martinez

SGT Juan Serrano

SGT Trevor Blumberg

SGT Aubrey Bell

CPL Mark Anthony Bibby

SPC William Maher

SPC Levi Kinchen

SPC Douglas Weismantle

SPC John Johnson

SPC Zeferino Colunga

SPC James Lambert

SPC Simeon Hunte

SPC Eric Hull

PFC Rachel Bosveld

PFC Michael Adams

PFC Christopher Sisson

PFC Charles Sims

PFC Jose Casanova

PV2 Sean Silva

PV2 Kyle Gilbert

PV2 Jason Ward

PV2 Joseph Guerrera

PV2 Michael Deutch

PV2 Kurt Frosheiser

PV1 Jonathan Falaniko